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February 12, 2016

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

FRIENDS OF LYDIA ANN CHANNEL,

Plaintiff,

VS.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, *et al*,

Defendants.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:15-CV-514

GENERAL ORDER

The following shall apply in the above-styled action:

I. Scheduling Order. Once Scheduling Order is entered, no continuance will be granted.

A. Dates/Deadlines that cannot be extended even by agreement: Trial date; Final Pretrial Conference; Joint Pretrial Order; Dispositive Motions; Request for Daubert and Markman hearings.

B. Dates/Deadlines that can be extended by agreement: Joinder of Parties; Amendment of Pleadings; Discovery; Designation of Experts/Responsive Experts; and deadline for reporting results of mediation. The extension of these deadlines may not be used to extend the “non-extendable” deadlines.

C. Discovery Policy. No discovery shall be filed with the Court. Each party is ordered not to file any discovery motion without prior telephonic permission of the Court.

(1) Each party is ordered to bring any discovery issue to the Court’s attention immediately. At first sign of a discovery problem, all parties shall make a joint telephone call to the case manager who will schedule a joint conference call with the Court that same day. In the initial call to the case manager, each party is to describe the discovery issue. If any party wants the Court to have a written

document (i.e. interrogatories, request for admission, etc.) prior to the Court telephonic hearing, that party may hand deliver or fax said documents (not in pleading form) to the case manager so long as the sending party notifies every other party of the identity of each document and the intention to provide the document. Failure to participate in either of these phone calls may be grounds for sanctions.

(2) Any anticipated discovery problem will be discussed at the Rule 16 conference.

(3) All motions pending at the time of Rule 16 conference will be heard at that time.

II. Mediation Order will be entered. The parties shall select the mediator and time for mediation. If parties cannot agree on mediator, they can apply to the Court for appointment of a mediator. Any party, as the case is discovered, who determines that case is not suitable for mediation shall file a motion to vacate mediation order and it will be vacated as to that party only. The Court will not force any party to mediation that does not believe the case suitable for mediation.

III. Motions to Substitute Counsel. Motions to substitute counsel must include the signatures of the withdrawing counsel, the proposed new counsel, and the client. The motion must also include a statement that the substitution will not result in any delays in the case and that the substituting counsel is familiar with the Court's Scheduling Order.

IV. Motions to Withdraw. Motions to withdraw without a substitution of counsel must include the client's signature, a complete recitation of the Scheduling Order and the client's address and phone number for service (or reasons for inability to obtain the information). If the client does not agree to the withdrawal, then a hearing will be held.

V. Tabbing of Exhibits. All references to exhibits in electronically filed motions shall be hyperlinked.

VI. Rule 26 Disclosure Notices. Do not file Rule 26 disclosure notices with the Court except as to names of persons with relevant knowledge and names of expert witnesses.

VII. Supplemental Pleadings. The parties may not file “supplemental pleadings.”


VIII. Copies of Cases. Do not attach copies of cases to pleadings.

IX. Motions in Limine. Motions in Limine shall be filed with the Joint Pretrial Order.

X. Trial Exhibits. No later than the original date set for the filing of the Joint Pretrial Order, all parties shall pre-mark and exchange exhibits they intend to use during the course of trial.

XI. Courtesy Copies. One paper copy of all dispositive motions, including Daubert and Markman motions, briefs and all responses to the aforementioned pleadings greater than thirty (30) pages (including exhibits) shall be filed with the Court through the Clerk’s office, clearly marked “Courtesy Copy for Court.” All exhibits shall be tabbed.

ORDERED this 12th day of February, 2016.



JANIS GRAHAM JACK
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE